

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT

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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS  
PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS  
JTPD PROGRAM OPERATORS  
EDD JOB SERVICE OFFICE MANAGERS  
JTPD STAFF

SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF TITLE III BASE WAGE FOLLOW-UP RESULTS

The purpose of this information bulletin is to advise Service Delivery Areas (SDA) of new procedures that have been established by the State to process and distribute the base wage follow-up results for clients who terminate from Title III programs.

As you are aware, the Secretary of Labor authorized a waiver for California to use the base wage file (BWF) for postprogram follow-up (PPFU) on terminees from programs funded by Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), beginning in Program Year 1998/1999. The Secretary's approval of this waiver was contingent upon the State's agreement to comply with special reporting requirements issued by the Department of Labor (DOL) in Training and Employment Information Notice 15-98 dated January 14, 1999.

For the first year of data collection, the DOL instructions require the State to submit wage record data for Title III clients who were terminated from the program in the last quarter of the previous program year, in addition to clients who terminated during the four quarters of the program year being reported. In August 1999, the State provided Social Policy Research (SPR) Associates, the DOL contractor for the Standardized Program Information Report (SPIR), with wage record data for participants who terminated from Title III programs during the period from April 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, as required. On August 15, 2000, the State will report the base wage follow-up results for Title III clients who terminated from the program between July 1, 1998, and June 30, 1999, to SPR Associates.

The base wage follow-up results were loaded to each SDA's respective database as part of the Job Training Automation (JTA) system Version 3.21 release, issued on August 27, 1999. The SDAs can view the results for their Title III clients who were terminated from the program between April 1, 1997, and June 30, 1998, by accessing a table named "base\_wg".

In accordance with DOL requirements, the base wage follow-up results for each client's include the total earnings per quarter for three full quarters prior to the client's participation in the program and two full quarters following the client's termination from the program. A record layout for the "base\_wg" table is provided below, along with more detailed definitions of the data elements that are included.

<b>Column Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Nulls</b>	<b>Data Element</b>
subgrante_cd	Char (3)	No	SDA identification code
term_case_num	Char (7)	No	Termination case number
nine_digit_ssn	Char (9)	Yes	Social security number
app_dt	Date	Yes	Application date
grnt_cd_e	Char (3)	Yes	Grant code for the funding source
term_dt	Date	Yes	Final termination date
earn_qtr1	Decimal (8.2)	Yes	Total earnings in quarter one after termination date
earn_qtr2	Decimal (8.2)	Yes	Total earnings in quarter two after termination date
earn_prepgm_qtr1	Decimal (8.2)	Yes	Total preprogram earnings in quarter one before application date
earn_prepgm_qtr2	Decimal (8.2)	Yes	Total preprogram earnings in quarter two before application date
earn_prepgm_qtr3	Decimal (8.2)	Yes	Total preprogram earnings in quarter three before application date
tppf_dt	Date	Yes	Date the record was transferred to the State for PPFU
opr_id	Char (8)	Yes	Identifies staff who entered the data
entry_dt	Date	Yes	Date the data was entered into the system

The base wage follow-up results provide information on job retention and earnings that will be used by DOL and the State, along with other historical performance data, in negotiating performance levels for dislocated workers in programs funded under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Local areas may also find this data useful in setting performance goals and planning for the transition to WIA. Ad hoc reports can be run against the “base\_wg” table. Additionally, this data can be compared to the results of the follow-up interviews conducted by the University of California at Berkeley for the same client group to learn more about the outcomes that can be expected from each follow-up method.

If you have any questions about accessing the “base\_wg” table, please contact the JTA Help Desk at (916) 653-0202. Please direct all other questions to Betty Lai in the Data Analysis Unit at (916) 653-1516.

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